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DEPARTMENT PASS IMMEDIATE TO STEINMETZ APHIS/USDA AND SMITH FAS/USDA

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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

REF: (A) STATE 078730, (B) STATE 079282, (C) BUENOS AIRES 2586,  
(D) STATE 082727

1. AS INDICATED IN BUENOS AIRES 2586, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA INSPECTION PERSONNAL AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK AND SIMULTANEOUS WITH ARRIVAL OF REFTEL (D) RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY DR. MARCELO E. RABASA, ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICE. THE FOLLOWING IS A FREE TRANSLATION:

I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ADDRESSING MYSELF TO YOU REGARDING THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY THE SANITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ARGENTINE PLANTS THAT EXPORT MEAT AND MEAT BYPRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE NECESSARY ALLOCATION OF VETERINARIAN INSPECTORS AND ASSISTANT INSPECTORS TO THE EXPORT PLANTS.

UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FEDERAL POSITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE, CONSISTENT WITH THE UNFREEZING OF THE POSITIONS  
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AUTHORIZED RECENTLY, THE NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICE WILL ADOPT A TRANSITIONAL SYSTEM STARTING APRIL 18, 1977 THAT WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS, THE TIME GRANTED BY DECREE NO. 674/77 FOR FILLING THE UNFROZEN FEDERAL POSITIONS.

THROUGH THIS SYSTEM THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED DATE, THE SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

WILL INCORPORATE INTO THE FEDERAL SERVICE ALL THE NECESSARY INSPECTIONAL PERSONNEL THAT ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE PRIVATE PLANTS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THESE SAID PERSONNEL WILL DEPEND DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY ON THE INSPECTION SERVICE CHIEF; THIS WILL INCLUDE MATTERS OF ATTENDANCE, ABSENTEEISM AND WORKING HOURS THAT APPLY TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, CUTTING OFF, THEREFORE, ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PRIVATE PLANTS.

THE WAY IN WHICH THESE FEDERAL INSPECTORS (THE ABSORBED INSPECTORS) WILL BE PAID, WILL BE THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK THROUGH ITS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE VIA A REGISTRY THAT WILL BE CREATED AND WILL EXIST DURING THE TIME THAT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FILLING OF THE VACANCIES WITH PERMANET FEDERAL INSPECTORS.

2. THE ABOVE LETTER IS ADDRESSED SPECIFICALLY TO THE RECOMMENDED POINT A IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL D AND IN THE VIEW OF THIS EMBASSY CORRECTS THE SITUATION THAT RESULTED IN THE INITIATION OF REFTEL A. AS THE EMBASSY READS THE ABOVE LETTER, THE NON-GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS WILL BE EMPLOYED BY AND PAID BY THE MINISTRY FOR SUCH A PERIOD OF TIME AS IT TAKES THE GOVERNMENT TO FILL ALL OF ITS RECENTLY UNFROZEN PERMANENT POSITIONS (270). THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ANIMAL HEALTH WAS MEETING ON APRIL 13 WITH THE PRIVATE PLANT REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPLAIN TO THEM THIS CHANGE THAT WILL BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, AND HE INFORMED THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE THAT ANY PLANTS THAT DO NOT AGREE WILL BE DELISTED.

3. UPON THE ARRIVAL BACK IN ARGENTINA NEXT WEEK (WEDNESDAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR THURSDAY) OF THE ARGENTINE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, THE AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY TO STRESS THE NEED OF THE SECRETARY TO GIVE HIS FULL SUPPORT TO THE INSPECTION PROGRAM.

4. THIS EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE ASAP. HILL

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